

## WHY HAS MY PEDIATRICIAN BEEN SO BUSY?

*There have been several things that have changed since COVID-19*

### AT HOME:

- Birth rates have increased each year for the past 2 years. There hasn't been an increase since 2014. Many more babies to care for!
- Daycares, schools, camps, etc., need notes anytime a child has a fever. This has drastically increased the number of phone calls and sick visits needed.
- Everyone is playing catch up with sports physicals, annual checkups, and vaccines needed for school.
- Anxiety and depression have increased by over 30% in kids of all ages in the last 2 years. The need for these appointments has skyrocketed.
- RSV and other viral illnesses are at an all-time high and have started earlier this season.

### IN THE OFFICE:

- Precautions for the safety of our patients and families take longer.
- Tremendous increase in phone time and portal messages by staff due to the increase in appointments needed, questions by parents, and communicating results.
- Increase in paperwork for staff to fill out for schools, daycares, etc.
- COVID and flu vaccine clinics added to already full schedules.
- Often short staffed due to our own staff having to care for themselves and their families.

WHAT HASN'T CHANGED:

WE ARE STILL HERE FOR YOU AND YOUR CHILDREN!

BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP.

PLEASE BRING POSITIVITY AND PATIENCE TO YOUR APPOINTMENT!

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